

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- ~~It is an object to provide a~~ A banding packing machine capable of inexpensively detecting the end of a band reel, thereby contributing to a reduction in a cost. In a banding packing machine having a back pool box ~~(80)~~ in a packing machine body ~~(72)~~ and serving to feed an unused band ~~(B)~~ stored in the back pool box ~~(80)~~ and a band from a band reel ~~(78)~~, the rotating speed of a touch roller ~~(88)~~ is detected when an insufficient amount of the band is pulled out of the band reel ~~(78)~~ by band feeding means ~~(82)~~. It is decided that the band is not left in the band reel if the rotating speed is not changed but the rotation is carried out at an almost constant speed, and the tip portion of the band does not arrive at the predetermined position of a band guide arch. Then, the driving operation of a normal rotating roller is stopped based on the decision signal. --